

Golden Racquets Annual Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2019

The Golden Racquets Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at PJ Skidoos Restaurant in Fairfax, VA. There were 54 members and two guest speakers registered for the luncheon.

Business Meeting:

- **Member of the Year:** Following the luncheon that preceded the business meeting, acting president Tom Burroughs called the annual meeting to order by welcoming all. He began the meeting by announcing the recipient of the 2019 Member of the Year Award. The recipients were Fred & Linda Temple, awarded for their "selfless giving." Unfortunately, Linda was not able to attend, but Fred graciously accepted the award on behalf of himself and Linda. Fred stated that he and Linda appreciated the work of Golden Racquets volunteers and that he considered Golden Racquets "wonderful fun and good for our health."
- **Election of Officers:** Vice President Laura Reisenberg conducted the election of officers for 2020. Laura stated that the new officers would be serving a 2-year term, which will begin on January 1, 2020. There were only two vacancies to be filled, and results of the election are as follows:
 - **President:** Tom Burroughs stood for president. There were no nominations from the floor. Gary Hinson asked to have the nominations closed. Tom was unanimously elected by acclamation as the new president.
 - **Recording Secretary:** There were no names put forward for this position. Connie Dineen was nominated from the floor, and she accepted the nomination. Connie was unanimously elected by acclamation as the new recording secretary.
 - The positions of Vice President and Treasurer will continued to be filled by the current vice president (Laura Reisenberg) and treasurer (Al McFarland).
- **Program:** Tom introduced the guest speakers for the day, Sara & Ken Aitken. Sara spoke on the fast growing sport of pickleball. She shared information on the history of pickleball, the benefits of playing, and some of the reasons for the recent rise in the popularity of the sport. There was a display of pickleball equipment available for viewing by attendees, including pickleball paddles and balls. For further information, it was suggested that interested parties visit Sara's website (eastportpickleball.com) when one may learn more about the sport. Following Sara's presentation Tom announced that Golden Racquets has a court for pickleball on Mondays at Burke Racquet Club. It was decided to use this tennis court, for which Golden Racquets was financially obligated, as a pickleball court to determine the level of interest shown by members. Pickleball is played each Monday from 12:30-2:00pm.
- **Golden Racquets Constitution & By-Laws:** Tom shared that the Board of Directors had spent a good deal of time reviewing and updating the Golden Racquets Constitution and By-Laws, and he thanked them for their work and for their input. He further stated that when the draft of the revisions were sent to the membership for review, he did not receive any questions or changes from members beyond spelling corrections. He then shared some of the major changes presented, which were as follows:
 - anyone joining Golden Racquets after today's date (October 15, 2019) must have a working email;
 - wording was changed from "audit" to "review" regarding the annual inspection of the treasurer's books;

- the rating committee will now have at least 10 members. The chair of the rating committee will recommend members who will comprise the ratings committee, and the president will have final approval or disapproval of the selected committee members;
- the removal of a venue captain or officer will require 15 names on the removal petition, not 30 as was previously the case; and
- many of the revisions were mainly wording for clarification.

Tom asked if there were any questions from those present. Hearing none, he called for a motion to accept the changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Steve Mateo made a motion to accept the recommended changes, Bruce Kasold seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

- Tom pointed out that there were copies of the minutes from last year's annual meeting and a treasurer's report on the tables. The treasurer's books were found to be in good order, having been reviewed by Fred King.
- **Door Prize Distribution:** Howard Ho came forward to distribute door prizes. Tom gave a public thanks to Howard Ho for planning and organizing the luncheon for the annual meeting and for gathering and collecting the door prizes. There were 14 door prizes available and awarded, and they were as follows:
 - one 6-pack of tennis balls
 - four certificates for pickleball lessons
 - four sets of spill-proof drink tumblers
 - one pickleball tee-shirt (donated by the guest speaker)
 - one under-the-seat airline suitcase
 - two soft-side coolers
 - one \$50.00 gift certificate from Dick's Sporting Goods
 - one unstrung Wilson tennis racquet (donated by Fairfax Racquet Club)

Adjournment of the Meeting: There being no further business presented, Tom called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bruce Kasold, seconded by Joe Wittling, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Dineen
Recording Secretary